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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: EVENING NOTES

ETHIOPIAN LABOR ORGANIZATION CALLS FOR GENERAL STRIKE TOMORROW: THE CONFEDERATION OF ETHIOPIAN LABOR UNIONS HAS CALLED A GENERAL STRIKE TO LAST UNTIL THE RULING MILITARY COMMITTEE RELEASES THE THREE TOP CONFEDERATION OFFICIALS ARRESTED YESTERDAY. THESE ARRESTS MARKED A BREAKDOWN OF TALKS BETWEEN CONFEDERATION OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RULING COMMITTEE, WHICH HAD BEEN GOING ON FOR SEVERAL DAYS. THE MILITARY IS UNWILLING TO ACCEDE THE CONFEDERATION'S DEMAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHARE POWER IMMEDIATELY WITH LABOR AND OTHER CIVILIAN ELEMENTS. LABOR IS ALSO ANGRY BECAUSE THE MILITARY'S DISMISSAL OF PARLIAMENT CANCELS OUT THE PROGRESS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE ON A NEW LABOR LAW -- THE PROMISE OF WHICH HAD BEEN WRESTED FROM THE ENDELKATCHEW GOVERNMENT IN MARCH AFTER A GENERAL STRIKE. CELU CLAIMS A MEMBERSHIP OF OVER 100,000 AND IS STRONG IN SUCH FIELDS AS COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION. SINCE MARCH IT HAS BEEN A RALLYING POINT FOR WORKERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO ORGANIZE. SOVIET TECHNICIANS REPORTEDLY WILL GO TO LIBYA: [REDACTED]

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3,000 SOVIET TECHNICIANS WILL ARRIVE IN LIBYA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. MOST OF THEM ARE TO TRAIN LIBYANS TO USE SOVIET-SUPPLIED MISSILES, BUT SOME ARE SAID TO BE OIL TECHNICIANS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AT LEAST SOME OF THE RUSSIANS WILL BE ROTATED EVERY THREE MONTHS, TO MINIMIZE SOVIET OPPORTUNITY FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY IN LIBYA. THE LIBYANS HAVE TOLD MOSCOW THE TECHNICIANS WILL BE UNDER SURVEILLANCE, AND TRIPOLI HAS ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL POLICE UNIT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THEM. A SUBSTANTIAL SOVIET-LIBYAN ARMS DEAL WAS SIGNED LAST SPRING INVOLVING AIR DEFENSE MISSILES, TANKS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT. PERHAPS 100 SOVIET TECHNICIANS AND INSTRUCTORS HAVE ARRIVED IN LIBYA RECENTLY. THE SCOPE OF THE LIBYAN-SOVIET AGREEMENT AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE EGYPTIAN MILITARY ADVISORY MISSION MAY HAVE PROMPTED TRIPOLI TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL SOVIET PERSONNEL, BUT CIA BELIEVES THE FIGURE OF 3,000 SEEMS TOO HIGH. BY WAY OF COMPARISON, THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT 2,200 SOVIET MILITARY TECHNICIANS AND ADVISORS IN SYRIA, AND 800 IN IRAQ. BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE GREATER TRAINING NEEDS AND A CLOSER POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH MOSCOW THAN DOES LIBYA. SITUATION WITH IRAQ AND THE KURDS: APPARENTLY THREE-FOURTHS OF THE

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IRAQI ARMY IS NOW ENGAGED AGAINST THE KURDS. THE TEMPO OF FIGHTING IS EXPECTED TO SLOW DOWN GRADUALLY WITH THE APPROACH OF WINTER, AND THE IRAQIS WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO WITHDRAW FROM FORWARD POSITIONS. ALTHOUGH THE CURRENT OFFENSIVE HAS GROUND TO A HALT, THE IRAQIS HAVE DEMONSTRATED A NEW CAPABILITY TO SEND IN REINFORCEMENTS AND TO INITIATE FRESH COUNTERATTACKS AFTER HAVING SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES. THE CONFLICT HAS APPARENTLY TAKEN A HEAVY TOLL OF THE KURDISH FORCES WHOSE SPOKESMEN ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEIR MEN ARE NOT FIGHTING WITH THE SAME ZEAL AS THEY DID EARLIER. VITAL IRANIAN SUPPORT IS CONTINUING, BUT THERE IS AN APPARENT LACK OF COORDINATION THAT DIMINISHES ITS EFFECTIVENESS. THE BAGHDAD REGIME IS INCREASINGLY NERVOUS ABOUT POSSIBLE KURDISH REPRISALS IN THE CAPITAL AND GUARDS HAVE BEEN PLACED AT STRATEGIC POINTS, INCLUDING THE QUARTERS OF SOVIET TECHNICIANS. HEAVY TROOP CONCENTRATIONS HAVE BEEN NOTED ALONG THE MAIN ROAD TO KIRKUK, AND TROOPS DEFENDING OIL INSTALLATIONS HAVE BEEN REINFORCED. SUCH MEASURES ARE LIKELY TO BE INCREASED AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL SEPTEMBER 20 KURDISH ATTACK ON THE GARRISON PROTECTING THE KIRKUK OIL INSTALLATIONS. TALKS WITH THE KURDS HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN HELD, BUT IDRIS BARZANI HAS STATED THAT THE LIKELIHOOD OF A COMPROMISE WITH THE BAAHISTS IS VERY SLIGHT. DURING THE ONCOMING WINTER THE IRAQIS CAN BE EXPECTED TO MAKE THINGS AS DIFFICULT AS POSSIBLE FOR THE KURDS, TO ATTEMPT TO INTERDICT SUPPLIES AND ARMS COMING FROM IRAN, AND TO REVITALIZE THE MORIBUND ANTI-BARZANI KURDISH FORCES.

ISRAELI PLANES RAID FEDAYEEN CAMPS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON: THE ISRAELI MILITARY COMMAND HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ISRAELI AIRCRAFT STRUCK ARAB GUERRILLA CAMPS IN SOUTHEAST LEBANON THIS MORNING IN A "PRE-EMPTIVE" STRIKE AIMED AT FOILING TERRORIST RAIDS PLANNED FOR THE YOM KIPPUR HOLIDAY. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS FROM LEBANON, EIGHT ISRAELI AIRCRAFT WERE INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK, WHICH LASTED ABOUT 15 MINUTES; THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.

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THIS IS THE SECOND ISRAELI AIR ATTACK ON FEDAYEEN CAMPS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON IN TEN DAYS AFTER A HIATUS OF OVER A MONTH.

WASHINGTON STAR-NEWS: OSWALD JOHNSTON REPORTS THE FORD ADMINISTRATION IS QUIETLY MAKING PLANS TO ENFORCE ITS TOUGH NEW LINE AGAINST PRICE GOUGING AND PRODUCTION CUTBACKS BY THE MAJOR OIL-PRODUCING NATIONS. THIS WEEKEND, PRESIDENT FORD IS HOST TO FOREIGN AND FINANCE MINISTERS FROM THE TOP FOUR OTHER WESTERN OIL CONSUMERS. THE MEETING, AT CAMP DAVID, WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE U.S. SIDE BY YOU AND TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON. ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC SOURCES, THE PROBABLE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING IS A POINT-BY-POINT REFLECTION OF YOUR PROGRAM FOR COMBATING THE CARTEL TACTICS OF OIL PRODUCERS. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS THOMAS ENDERS, WHO ATTENDED THE BRUSSELS MEETING ON OIL SHARING AND CONSERVATION, SAID YESTERDAY THE ADMINISTRATION WILL REQUEST NEW STANDBY AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE AMERICANS TO CUT DOWN ON USE OF ENERGY IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. THE REQUEST WILL INCLUDE STANDBY POWER TO ALLOCATE OIL SUPPLIES. FURTHER CONTROL SPEED LIMITS,

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REGULATE SETTINGS OF FURNACE THERMOSTATS. IMPOSE EMERGENCY TAXATION TO REDUCE ENERGY DEMANDS, AND, IF NECESSARY, RATION GASOLINE AT THE PUMP.

JEREMIAH O'LEARY REPORTS THAT TODAY YOU STEPPED UP YOUR EFFORTS TO HELP FIND A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS QUESTION IN BACK-TO-BACK BILATERAL MEETINGS IN NEW YORK WITH GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER MAVROS AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES.

A STAR EDITORIAL ON "ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY" STATES THAT IN VERY STRONG TERMS PRESIDENT FORD AND YOU HAVE JOINED THE CHORUS OF ALARM AT THE THREAT OF ECONOMIC DISASTER THAT FACES THE WORLD. THE TIME IS OVERRIPE FOR GIVING THIS APPEAL OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE ATTENTION IT DESERVES.

CROSBY NOYES FEELS IT WOULD BE SOMETHING OF A MISTAKE TO READ RECENT STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT FORD AND YOU AS EVIDENCE THAT ALL DISPUTES WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION OVER OUR RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION HAVE NOW BEEN SETTLED AND YOUR VIEWS HAVE PREVAILED. THAT THIS LATEST RESTATEMENT OF THE AMERICAN POSITION MEANS ALL OF THE DISPUTES WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION AND WITH THE CONGRESS HAVE BEEN LAID TO REST WOULD BE A LARGE ASSUMPTION. WHAT IT DOES LOOK LIKE, HOWEVER, IS A SERIOUS EFFORT ON YOUR PART TO REACH A COMPROMISE WITH YOUR MAJOR CRITICS ON DETENTE AND THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC WEAPONS.

ACCORDING TO JEREMIAH O'LEARY, YOUR TALK WITH MAVROS TODAY WAS SUCCESSFUL ENOUGH TO WARRANT THE SCHEDULING OF TWO FUTURE MEETINGS ON THE CYPRIOT QUESTION. MAVROS BELIEVES THE U.S. IS INTERESTED IN A "FAIR, JUST, AND WORKABLE" SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. O'LEARY DESCRIBES YOUR EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN "AMICABLE" RELATIONS WITH BOTH SIDES, TO ENABLE THE U.S. TO PLAY A USEFUL ROLE IN THE SOLUTION OF THE SITUATION.

LATE ITEM: ITALY DISAPPOINTED AT NOT BEING INVITED TO MINISTERIAL MEETING: EMBASSY ROME REPORTS THAT ITALIAN PRESIDENT LEONE MAY EXPRESS REGRET DURING HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. THAT ROME WAS NOT INVITED TO THE MEETING NEXT WEEKEND OF THE FIVE FINANCE AND FOREIGN MINISTERS TO CONSIDER ENERGY AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. AT THE DEPARTURE CEREMONY FOR LEONE TODAY IN ROME, TREASURY MINISTER COLOMBO VIGOROUSLY EXPRESSED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT TO THE U.S. CHARGE ABOUT ITALY'S EXCLUSION. HE SAID THAT FAILURE TO INCLUDE ITALY AND OTHER IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL NATIONS IN SUCH MEETINGS WILL UNDERMINE COOPERATION IN ALL INTERNATIONAL BODIES, INCLUDING NATO, THE EC, OECD, AND THE UN. ROME'S PIQUE IS DUE TO A NUMBER OF FACTORS. IN THE FIRST PLACE, ROME REGARDS SUCH A "SNUB" AS EVIDENCE THAT ITS CLOSEST ALLIES VIEW ITALY AS A SECOND-CLASS POWER. FINALLY, NATIONWIDE CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO SOLVE THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS HAS DROPPED CONSIDERABLY IN RECENT MONTHS. THE ITALIAN LEADERSHIP WILL BE CONCERNED THAT ITALY'S OMISSION FROM HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS OF THESE TOPICS WILL BE USED BY THE OPPOSITION AS EVIDENCE THAT ITALY'S ALLIES ALSO BELIEVE THAT ITALIAN LEADERS HAVE LITTLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS.

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